

BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH
WORK MEETING
May 27, 2025

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach held a meeting on May 27, 2025 in the Municipal Building, 599 Pennsylvania Ave. at 6:30 PM. Mayor Cueno called the meeting to order and read the STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 'OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW' P.L. 1975 C 231 NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE STAR-LEDGER AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS OF THE PINE BEACH MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE PINE BEACH POST OFFICE. THIS STATEMENT SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Davenport, Senior Partner of Conner Strong & Buckelew Insurance presented the difference card and change in the SHB plan for the Borough. Mr. Polhemus asks Mr. Davenport to provide the Borough with the language needed to add to collective bargaining agreements for this change. Mr. Wieck and Mr. Newman share that the county has switched to this plan and both endorse the change for the Borough. The Mayor and Council ask if any of the public or Borough employees present have questions for Mr. Davenport and none were heard.

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE 2025-04-818

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF GRANT AVENUE AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PINE BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$703,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$384,725 AND A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$277,275 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

This ordinance was advertised in the Asbury Park Press May 15th.

The Mayor reads the ordinance summary and opens the public hearing. Hearing no public comments Mr. Newman makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-04-818 as presented, seconded by Mr. Wieck.

Mr. Keesling comments that a number of improvements for public works are needed, he is against the message board portion of the bond but finds no issue with the paving project. He votes no.

Mr. Newman states that communication comes in all forms and to limiting important notifications to only internet is a disservice to our residents. The display board will be on the main highway and all around town to provide communication to everyone. He votes yes.

Mr. Keesling	Mrs. McGee	Mr. Newman	Mr. Polhemus	Mr. Saxton	Mr. Wieck
No	Absent	Yes(Motion)	Yes	Yes	Yes(Second)

Ordinance passes.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cuneo advises that the Land Use Board will be holding a special meeting to adopt an amended element for the Master Plan, Vacant Land Analysis, on June 3rd at 7:30pm. and Borough Hall. The Land Use Board discussed heavily the properties we are looking at for 4th round Affordable Housing requirements.

The Memorial day ceremony was well attended and the Mayor thanks all who attended and participated. He received many comments from the people who were present that the ceremony and the location make this a very special event, this is what Memorial Day is all about.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WIECK

Mr. Wieck thanks everyone for a successful Memorial Day service and thanks to those who helped pull it together. Mr. Wieck claims it was a very meaningful service for the community.

J. KEESLING

Mr. Keesling states the efforts of everyone at the Memorial Day ceremony was much appreciated. Mr. Keesling had his nephew, who is a wounded Veteran, in town for this event and was very moved by the ceremony.

R. NEWMAN

Mr. Newman shares that he has been in contact with the Borough Engineer for a grant opportunity, Safe Schools, for the lighting on the walking path. Engineer agreed to look further into it for the Borough.

Vista Park has the sign up for the June 21st PBPS event. Mr. Newman was surprised on how many kids and families present on the field for soccer on the weekends and feels that this is a great opportunity to market the event.

Mr. Newman thanks the Department of Public Works for handling the bulk pickup and quickly reacting to a down tree limb. They take care of it all behind the scene.

Mr. Newman shares how special he felt the Memorial Day ceremony was, it was a great honor to remember the fallen and he thanks everyone for attending and making the event very special. He thanks the PBVFC Chief McKay.

R. POLHEMUS

Mr. Polhemus says the Memorial Day service was a true celebration of the service men and women who have lost their lives in the ultimate sacrifice. He continues that the event was heart warming and thanks everyone who participated.

Mr. Polhemus shares that the PBA contract negotiations are now clear to begin discussions again and the personnel committee is working on the CWA contract as well.

J. SAXTON

Mr. Saxton states that the Memorial Day ceremony will leave an imprint on your soul and thanks everyone for an amazing event.

The Code Enforcement car need to be driven to maintain the repairs recently completed to it, Mr. Polhemus will run the car for us to keep it in good shape, no objections from Mayor and Council were heard.

The Mayor adds that if a member of the Council would like to reach out to one of the Borough's appointed professionals, it must first go through the Mayor for approval as we are expending funds for some of these conversations and will reach out limit early.

Mayor asks the Police Department for comments as Lieutenant Morris is present, having none the Mayor asks DPW representative, Seth Bortko who advises that they are collecting bulk and would like to remind the public that bulk pickup is limited to five items per household.

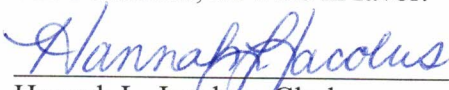
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Kubiliwicz, PBVFC President, reports that the training room is almost complete for the Fire House and they will continue with the rest of the building pending funds. A reminder for the Golf Outing June 4th, spots still available.

Mr. Newman makes a motion to approve Resolution 2025-59 Authorizing the Mayor and Council to enter an executive session to discuss collective bargaining and personnel matters. Motion is seconded by Mr. Wieck. Executive Session:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pine Beach have determined that in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12b, Closed Session to discuss (4) Collective Bargaining Agreement (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property (6) Public Safety (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation (8) Personnel is necessary. The public will be informed of the discussion within forty-five days of the conclusion (NJSA 10:4-13)

Hearing no other comments, Mr. Newman makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion is seconded by Mr. Polhemus, all were in favor.



Hannah L. Jacobus, Clerk

Approved: 6/11/2025